

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-2, 6-37, 66 - 69, and 72-94 that are pending in the above-identified patent application. Applicants have amended claims 1, 27, 66, and 72. No new matter has been added by the claim amendments. Applicants have cancelled claims 3-5, 38-45, 70-71, and 121-124.

Allowable Claims

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that in Part 8 of the Office Action, the Examiner deemed claims 5, 10-27, 30-37, 71-83, and 87-94 as containing patentable subject matter.

§102 and §103 Rejections

In numbered Parts 3-7 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected a number of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 over the cited prior art. In response, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 66 to include the limitations of claims 5 and 71, respectively, which have been deemed allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the instant claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Applicants therefore respectfully request reconsideration and allowance in view of the above remarks and amendments. In the event there are any fees due and owing in connection with this matter, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 11-0223.

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